

Application No. 10/672,883
Amendment dated February 17, 2005
Reply to Office action of November 17, 2004

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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicant: Hill Group Art Unit: 3677
Serial No.: 10/672,883 Examiner: Sakran, Victor N.
Filed: September 26, 2003 Docket No: AmSp:Slid1
Title: SLIDING REUSABLE CONNECTOR

AMENDMENT

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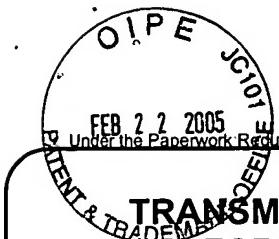
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Dear Sir:

In response to the November 17, 2004 Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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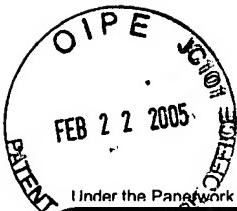
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
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Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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